

On the dimension of Tensor Network Varieties

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Efficient Tensor Representations for Learning and
Computational Complexity

Overview

- Motivations
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Motivations

From Quantum Physics

- Tensor space has high dimension: $\dim(V^{\otimes d}) = \dim(V_i)^d$. Quickly intractable. Requires too large memory to represent a tensor.
- Given a quantum many-body wave function, specifying its coefficients in a given local basis does not give any intuition about the structure of the *entanglement* between its constituents:

$$e_0 \otimes e_0 \otimes e_0 + e_1 \otimes e_1 \otimes e_1$$

$$T = \sum_{i,j,k=1}^d t_{i,j,k} e_i \otimes e_j \otimes e_k$$

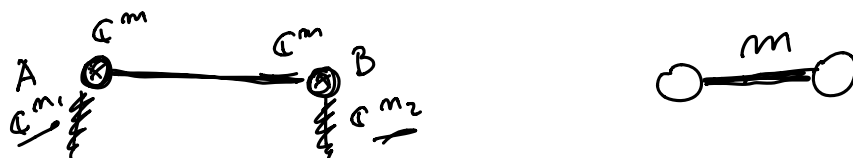
with $\{e_I\}$ orthonormal and $t_{i,j,k} \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$

Motivations

A Tensor Network has this information directly available in its description in terms of a network of quantum correlations.

Matrix product $AB = C$: $\sum_{j=1}^m a_{i,j} b_{j,k} = (c_{i,k})_{i=1,\dots,n_1, k=1,\dots,n_2}$.

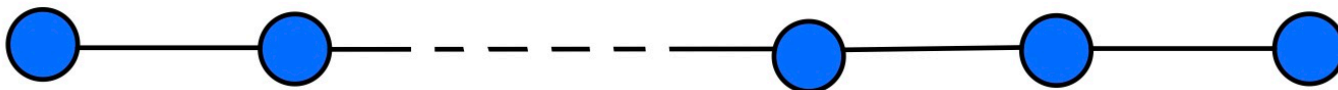
The network of correlations makes explicit the effective lattice geometry in which the state actually lives



A TN is a set of tensors where some, or all, indices are contracted according to some pattern.

Motivations

Matrix product states



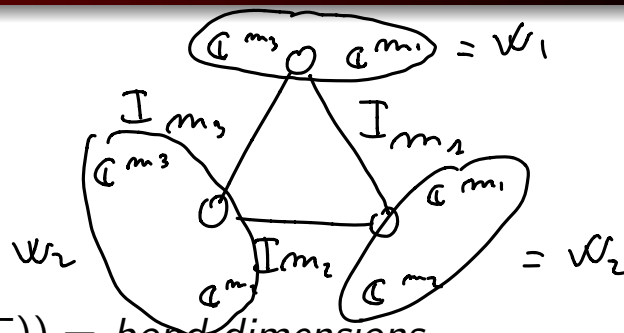
Reduced number of parameters

$$dm^2 \dim(V) \ll \dim(V)^d$$

MPS are accurate representations of physical states with limited bond length m .

Highlight entangled structure of state. The corresponding spaces of tensors are only locally entangled because interactions (entanglement) in the physical world appear to just happen locally.

Definition - Graph Tensor



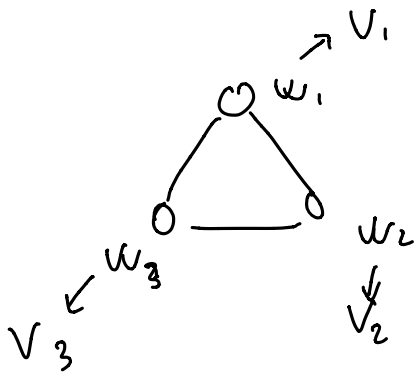
- Fix a graph $\Gamma(v(\Gamma), e(\Gamma))$
- Fix the weights $m = (m_e, e \in e(\Gamma)) = \text{bond dimensions}$
- $d := \#v(\Gamma)$
- Consider $I_{m_e} \in \mathbb{C}^{m_e} \otimes \mathbb{C}^{m_e}$ at e
- Tensor them: $\bigotimes_{e \in e(\Gamma)} I_{m_e}$
- It naturally lives in $\bigotimes_{e \in e(\Gamma)} \mathbb{C}^{m_e} \otimes \mathbb{C}^{m_e}$ but we think it as an element of $\bigotimes_{v \in v(\Gamma)} (\bigotimes_{e \ni v} \mathbb{C}^{m_e}) := \bigotimes_{v \in v(\Gamma)} W_v$ obtained by grouping together the spaces incident at the same vertex:

$$T(\Gamma, m) := \bigotimes_{e \in e(\Gamma)} I_{m_e} \in \bigotimes_{v \in v(\Gamma)} W_v$$

Definition - TNS

$TNS_{m,n}^{\Gamma} \subset \underline{V_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes V_d}$ associated to the tensor network $\underline{(\Gamma, m, n)}$

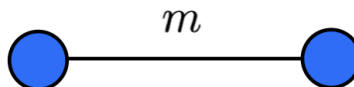
$$\begin{aligned} \Phi : \text{Hom}(W_1, V_1) \times \cdots \times \text{Hom}(W_d, V_d) &\rightarrow V_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes V_d \\ (X_1, \dots, X_d) &\mapsto \underline{(X_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes X_d) (T(\Gamma, m))} \end{aligned}$$



$$\text{Im}(\Phi) = TNS_{m,n}^{\Gamma,0}$$

$$TNS_{m,n}^{\Gamma} = \overline{\text{Im}(\Phi)} \subset V_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes V_d$$

Example Matrix multiplication



$$T(\Gamma, m) = I_m \in \mathbb{C}^m \otimes \mathbb{C}^m = W_1 \otimes W_2 \text{ Fix } V_1, V_2$$

$$\Phi : Hom(W_1, V_1) \times Hom(W_2, V_2) \rightarrow V_1 \otimes V_2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi(X_1, X_2) &= (X_1, X_2) \cdot I_m = (X_1, X_2) \cdot \sum_{i=1}^m e_i \otimes e_i = \sum_{i=1}^m X_1 e_i \otimes X_2 e_i = \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^m X_1 e_i (X_2 e_i)^T = X_1 I_m X_2^T = X_1 X_2^T \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{In this case } TNS_{m,n}^{\Gamma} = \{M \in V_1 \otimes V_2 : rank(M) \leq m\} = TNS_{m,n}^{\Gamma,0}$$

Why graph tensor is better

The multilinear multiplication is nothing but evaluation. Evaluating the graph tensor $T(\Gamma, m)$ is easier than evaluating other tensors.

- Given $T \in V_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes V_d$ and a graph Γ
- start with small m and evaluate $T(\Gamma, m)$: hope to find linear maps X_1, \dots, X_d s.t.

$$(X_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes X_d)(T(\Gamma, m)) = T$$

Properties

- One can assume that all $m_e > 1$, otherwise remove the edge from the graph.

- Monotonicity:

If $\underline{m}' \leq \underline{m}$ (entry-wise) then $TNS_{\underline{m}',n}^{\Gamma} \subseteq TNS_{\underline{m},n}^{\Gamma}$

Handwritten notes above the inequality:
 $\underline{m}' = (m'_1, \dots, m'_n)$
 $\underline{m} = (m_1, \dots, m_n)$

- Universality: If Γ is connected then

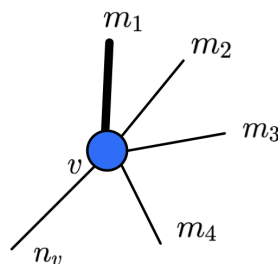
$$TNS_{\underline{m},n}^{\Gamma} = V_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes V_d$$

if m_e is large enough for every $e \in e(\Gamma)$.

Reductions

- We may assume all bond dimensions associated to the edges incident a fixed vertex are *balanced*: Fix a vertex v and $e_1, \dots, e_k \in v$; If

$$m_{e_k} > n_v \cdot m_{e_1} \cdots m_{e_{k-1}}, \quad m_{e_k} \text{ is overabundant}$$



then

$$TNS_{m,n} = TNS_{\bar{m},n}$$

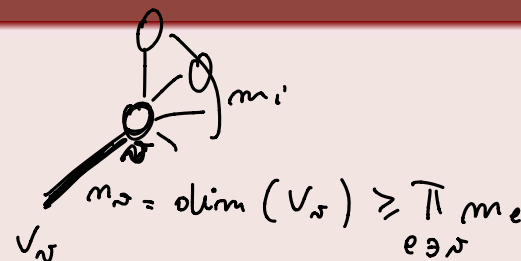
where $\bar{m}_e = m_e$ if $e \neq e_k$ and $\bar{m}_{e_k} = n_v \cdot m_{e_1} \cdots m_{e_{k-1}}$.

Reductions

Definition (Landsberg-Qi-Ye '12)

A vertex $v \in v$ is called

- *subcritical* if $\prod_{e \ni v} m_e \geq n_v$;
- *supercritical* if $\prod_{e \ni v} m_e \leq n_v$;
- *critical* if v is both subcritical and supercritical.



$$m_v = \dim(V_v) \geq \prod_{e \ni v} m_e$$

Theorem (BDG)

If the vertex v is supercritical let $N = \dim W_d = \prod_{e \ni d} m_e$ and $n' = (n'_v : v \in v(\Gamma))$ be the d -tuple of local dimensions s.t. $n'_v = n_v$ if $v \neq d$ and $n'_d = N$. Then

$$\dim TNS_{m,n}^\Gamma = N(n_d - N) + \dim(TNS_{m,n'}^\Gamma) \in V_{n_1} \otimes \dots \otimes V_{n_n}$$

Studying the orbit of $T(\Gamma, m)$ does not say anything about tensors in $TNS_{\Gamma}(m, n) \setminus TNS_{\Gamma}^0(m, n)$.

Theorem (Landsberg-Qi-Ye '12)

- If Γ doesn't have cycles, then $TNS_{\Gamma}^0(m, n) = TNS_{\Gamma}(m, n)$
- otherwise $TNS_{\Gamma}(m, n) \setminus TNS_{\Gamma}^0(m, n) \neq \emptyset$

Dimension

If $f : X \rightarrow Y$ map between varieties, then

$$\dim(\overline{Im(f)}) = \dim X - \dim f^{-1}(y)$$

for y generic in $Im(f)$.

We study the fibers of

$$\Phi : \left\{ \text{Hom}(W_1, V_1) \times \cdots \times \text{Hom}(W_d, V_d) \right\} \rightarrow V_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes V_d$$

$$(X_1, \dots, X_d) \mapsto (X_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes X_d)(T(\Gamma, m))$$

Obviously in the fiber

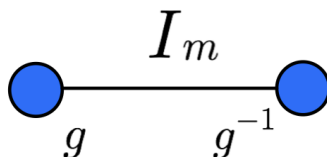
Ex: Matrix case

$$\Phi : \text{Hom}(\mathbb{C}^m, V_1) \times \text{Hom}(\mathbb{C}^m, V_2) \rightarrow V_1 \otimes V_2$$

with $\Phi(X_1, X_2) = X_1 \otimes I_m \otimes X_2^t$.

$\Phi(X_1, X_2) = \Phi(X_1 g, X_2 (g^{-1})^t)$ for every $g \in GL_m$.

The fiber containing (X_1, X_2) contains the entire GL_m -orbit.



The fiber containing $(X_v : v \in \mathfrak{v}(\Gamma))$ contains its entire $\mathcal{G}_{\Gamma, m}$ -orbit, where

$$\mathcal{G}_{\Gamma, m} = \times_{e \in \mathfrak{e}(\Gamma)} GL_{m_e} \quad \text{gauge subgroup of } \Gamma.$$

The role of this group in the theory of tensor network was known and it is expected that it entirely controls the value of $\dim TNS$. In fact, it is **expected** that in "most" cases the exact value of the dimension is

$$\min\left\{ \underbrace{\sum_v (n_v \times \prod_{e \ni v} m_e) - d + 1}_{\dim \times_v \mathbb{P}(\text{Hom}(W_v, V_v))} - \underbrace{\sum_e (m_e^2 - 1)}_{\dim \mathcal{G}_{\Gamma, m}}, \prod_v n_v \right\}$$

This computation does not take care of two facts:

- the possible existence of the stabilizer under the action of the gauge subgroup of a generic d-tuple of linear maps,
- there may be something else in the fiber.

Main theorem

Theorem (BDG'21)

$$\dim(TNS_{m,n}^\Gamma) \leq \min \left\{ \underbrace{\sum_v (n_v \times \prod_{e \ni v} m_e) - d + 1}_{\dim \times_v \mathbb{P}(\text{Hom}(W_v, V_v))} - \underbrace{\left(\sum_e (m_e^2 - 1) \right)}_{\dim \mathcal{G}_{\Gamma,m}} - \underbrace{\dim \text{Stab}_{\mathcal{G}_{\Gamma,m}}(X)}_{??}, \prod_v n_v \right\}$$


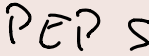
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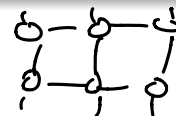
Theorem (Derksen-Makam-Walter'20)

$\dim(\text{Stab}_{\mathcal{G}_{\Gamma,m}}(X)) = 0$ in "most" cases

(the action of $\mathcal{G}_{\Gamma,m}$ on $\times_v \text{Hom}(W_v, V_v)$ is generically stable, i.e. there exists an element v in the parameter space s.t. $\text{Stab}_G(v)$ is a finite group).

Two important ones:

- Γ is a cycle, called matrix product states; 
- Γ is a grid, called projected entangled pair states. 



Theorem (Haegeman-Mariën-Osborne-Verstraete '14)

Matrix product states with open boundary conditions
($m_0 = m_d = 1$)

$$\dim TNS_{m,n}^{\Gamma} = \min \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^d n_i m_{i-1} m_i - \sum_{j=1}^{d-1} m_j^2, \prod_{i=1}^d n_i \right\}$$

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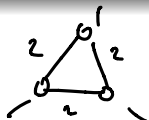
If (Γ, m, n) is a subcritical tensor network with no overabundant bond dimension, then

$$\dim(TNS_{m,n}^{\Gamma}) \leq \min \left\{ \underbrace{\sum_v (n_v \times \prod_{e \ni v} m_e) - d + 1}_{\dim \times_v \mathbb{P}(\text{Hom}(W_v, V_v))} - \underbrace{\left(\sum_e (m_e^2 - 1) - \underbrace{\dim \text{Stab}_{\mathcal{G}_{\Gamma,m}}(X)}_{??} \right)}_{\dim \mathcal{G}_{\Gamma,m}}, \prod_v n_v \right\}$$

If (Γ, m, n) is a supercritical case the the bound is sharp and $\dim \text{Stab}_{\mathcal{G}_{\Gamma,m}}(X) = 0$

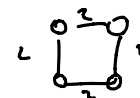
$$\dim(TNS_{m,n}^{\Gamma}) = \min \left\{ \sum_v (n_v \times \prod_{e \ni v} m_e) - d + 1 - \sum_e (m_e^2 - 1), \prod_v n_v \right\}$$

$$m = (2, 2, 2)$$



n	lower bound	upper bound
(2, 2, 2)	8	8
(2, 2, 3)	12	12
(2, 2, 4)	16	16
(2, 3, 3)	18	18
* (2, 3, 4)	22	24
* (2, 4, 4)	26	29
(3, 3, 3)	25	25
(3, 3, 4)	29	29
(3, 4, 4)	31	31
(4, 4, 4)	37	37

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n	lower bound	upper bound
* (2, 2, 2, 2)	15	16
* (2, 2, 2, 3)	20	21
* (2, 2, 2, 4)	24	25
(2, 2, 3, 3)	25	25
(2, 2, 3, 4)	29	29
(2, 2, 4, 4)	33	33
* (2, 3, 2, 3)	24	25
* (2, 3, 2, 4)	28	29
(2, 3, 3, 3)	29	29
(2, 3, 3, 4)	33	33
(2, 3, 4, 3)	33	33
(2, 3, 4, 4)	37	37
* (2, 4, 2, 4)	32	33
(2, 4, 3, 4)	37	37
(2, 4, 4, 4)	41	41
(3, 3, 3, 3)	33	33
(3, 3, 3, 4)	37	37

$$m = (2, 2, 2), n = (2, 3, 4)$$

- $T(\Gamma, m) \in \mathbb{C}^{2 \times 2} \otimes \mathbb{C}^{2 \times 2} \otimes \mathbb{C}^{2 \times 2}$
- $TNS_{\Gamma}(m, n) \subseteq \mathbb{P}(\mathbb{C}^2 \otimes \mathbb{C}^3 \otimes \mathbb{C}^4)$.

Let $T \in \mathbb{C}^2 \otimes \mathbb{C}^3 \otimes \mathbb{C}^4$. Consider the flattening

$$T_1 : \mathbb{C}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^3 \otimes \mathbb{C}^4.$$

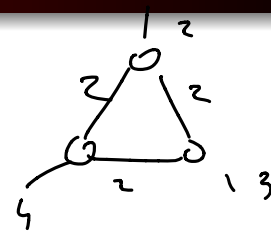
Then $L_T = \mathbb{P}(\text{Im}(T_1))$ is a line in $\mathbb{P}(\mathbb{C}^3 \otimes \mathbb{C}^4)$ (or a single point).

Theorem (BDG'21)

$T \in TNS_{\Gamma}(m, n)$ if and only if

- either $\text{rank}(L_T) = 1$
- or L_T intersects $\{A : \text{rank}(A) \leq 2\}$ in at least two points (counted with multiplicity).

In particular $\dim TNS_{\Gamma}(m, n) \leq (=) 24 - 2 = 22 < 24$.



Further Questions

- Classify all sub-critical cases where the upper bound is not reached: they have some interesting peculiar geometric properties.
- Which is "the best" $TNS_{m,n}^{\Gamma}$ a given T belongs to?
 - Γ can be reasonably chosen from the context. One may work on decreasing m . How to choose m s.t. a given $T \in TNS_{m,n}^{\Gamma,0}$?
 - Very well established procedures to find a "good enough" approximation of T on a given $TNS_{m,n}^{\Gamma}$.